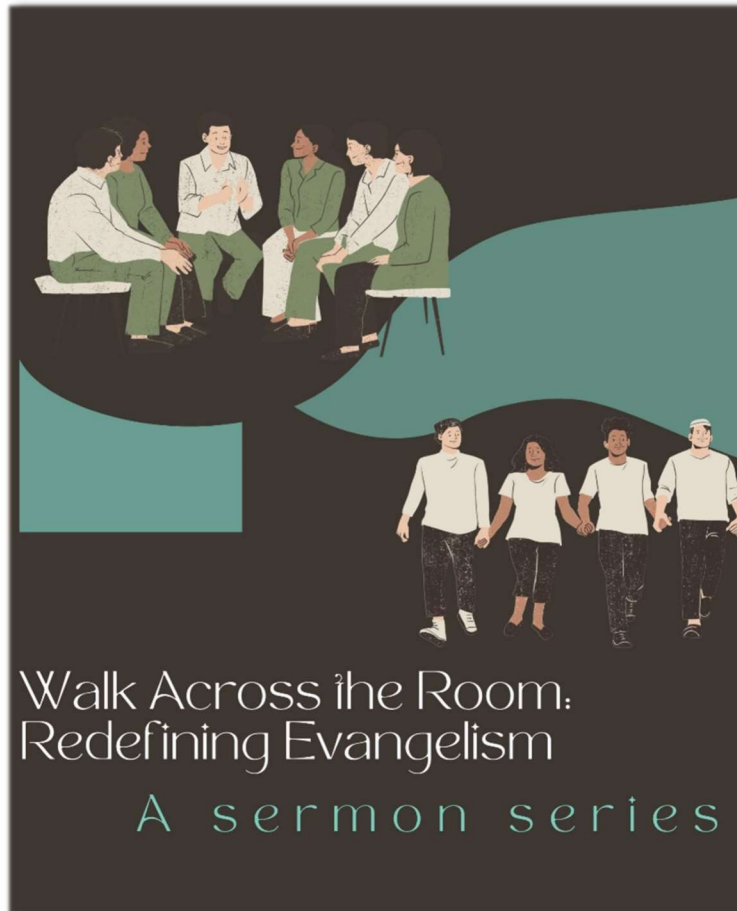




*An Open and Affirming Congregation
of The United Church of Christ*



Order of Worship for June 9, 10:00 am

Welcome to Worship at Center Church!
We are delighted that you are with us today.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Bind Us Together

Bob Gillman

Bind us together, Lord. Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord. Bind us together. Bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one King.

There is only one body, that is why we sing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Here I am, Lord

D. Schutte

Andrea Olsen, soloist

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise God a-bove, you heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING SONG I Am a Friend of God

M. Gungor/I. Houghton

I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,

I am a friend of God, you call me friend (2X).

God Almighty, Lord of Glory,

You have called me friend (2X).

We all are friends of God, We all are friends of God,

We all are friends of God, you call me friend (2X).

God Almighty, Lord of Glory,

You have called me friend (2X).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

One: God's grace has been poured out on us. We are invited to share it with more and more people.

All: We seek to live so God's grace is evident. We will consult with God in our decision-making.

One: Go into the world to serve, to the glory of God. May your thanksgiving increase day by day.

All: Our praise will not cease when we leave this place. All the world is God's temple, a place to give thanks.

One: We are siblings of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit has come among us and abides with us.

All: We have good news to share, so we will do it! May our thanksgiving proclaim God's glory!

One: Amen.

All: Amen.

PIANO POSTLUDE Allegro Maestoso

G. F. Handel

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sending her an email at pastor@cchartford.org***

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Bookkeeper: Brenda Russell (ext. 201)

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AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING Congregation. "We include into full participation in the life of this church persons of any age, race, economic status, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and physical, emotional and mental capacity" (from the statement adopted October 23, 1994.) In recognition of the richness of backgrounds of our congregation, a **DIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES** will find expression in our worship services. Center Church offers an **OPEN COMMUNION**. Adults and children from all religious backgrounds are invited to partake. **TEXT ALERTS** To receive text alerts regarding church activities and cancellations, please text the word CENTER to (860) 300-3697. (Message and data rates may apply according to your data plan.)

FACEBOOK LIVE We livestream our worship services on Facebook each week, and your presence here constitutes your permission for your image to be shown. If you prefer not to be seen, speak with the minister or whoever is operating the phone up front to determine where a good seat might be to avoid the camera. Our viewership is growing and we are excited to welcome a congregation in cyberspace!

Church Information

ON STREET PARKING is available during Sunday Worship Services on Gold Street and on the west side of Lewis Street, and is FREE on Sundays. The church is maintaining our relationship with the Traveler's Garage which is temporarily closed due to Covid-19. Stay tuned as we partner with other garages in the area.

REST ROOMS are located in the basement of the Meeting House. Please use the stairs in the southeast corner of the building. For safety, please have an adult accompany your child to the restroom.

CHURCH SCHOOL is held at the Church House (60 Gold Street) for preschool to 12th Grade. Children are to remain with their families in the Meeting House during worship until they depart for Church School following the Children's Moment. Please pick your child up promptly at 12:00pm. For their safety, children will remain with their Church School instructor until an adult picks them up. Church School is not held during the Summer.

CHILDCARE and NURSERY care are provided by trained, capable, and nurturing staff and volunteers, and is available in the Meeting House basement for infants and toddlers (up to two years of age.) A nursery without staff is also located on the second floor of the Church House.

CURRENT SUNDAY ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES Announcements regarding Adult Education classes are announced in our publications.

HANDICAPPED ACCESS to the sanctuary is via the lift outside at the south end of the portico. If possible, please call the church office in advance for assistance in using the lift.

The latest issue of **CENTER CHURCH E-NEWS** is available on our church website. If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please contact us at info@cchartford.org / 860-249-5631